

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR
ON INTRODUCTION OF DEFENSE CONTRACT BILL, JANUARY 24, 1956

Mr. President, I introduce for appropriate reference, a bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to prevent the allocation of procurement contracts to certain designated geographical areas, and for other purposes.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill may be printed in the body of the Record, together with a letter of December 15, 1955, written by me to Defense Mobilization Director Arthur S. Flemming, and his reply, dated January 5, 1956. These two letters will show the necessity for introducing such proposed legislation to prevent the Government from channeling defense contracts to distress areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MR. THURMOND _____ Introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to prevent the allocation of procurement contracts to certain designated geographical areas, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
 - 2 the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
- (a) section 302 (c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (41 U. S. C. 252 (c)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:
- "No contract for the procurement of goods or services shall be negotiated without advertising because of any determination that any labor surplus exists within any geographical area, or because any geographical area has been designated a disaster area or an economically distressed area, and no program for the procurement of goods or services shall contain any provision for the allocation of all or any portion of the contracts to be awarded thereunder to contractors conducting business operations within any geographical area because of any such determination with respect to, or any such designation of, such area."
- (b) Section 2 (c) of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947, as amended (41 U. S. C. 151 (c)), is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new sentence: "No contract for the procurement of goods or services shall be negotiated without advertising because of any determination that any labor surplus exists within any geographical area, or because any geographical area has been designated a disaster area or an economically distressed area, and no program for the procurement of goods or services shall contain any provision for the allocation of all or any portion of the contracts to be awarded thereunder to contractors conducting business operations within any geographical area because of any such determination with respect to, or any such designation of, such area."